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SUBJECT: CONTENTS OF 29 AUGUST 1978 CONVERSATION BETWEEN UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA

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1. DURING THE 29 AUGUST 1978 MEETING BETWEEN KURT W A L D H E I M, UNITED NATIONS (U.N.) SECRETARY GENERAL, AND JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, THE LATTER WAS THE FIRST TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY SAYING THAT HE WAS SURE WALDHEIM WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE U.N.'S CONCERNS IN THIS AREA. VIDELA THEN GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT WALDHEIM, WHO HAD PERSONALLY INTRODUCED AN ANTI-TERRORISM RESOLUTION IN THE U.N., WHICH HAD BEEN REJECTED, WOULD UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION THAT ARGENTINA HAD FACED.

2. THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPLIED THAT IT WAS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL STATES TO COMPLY WITH U.N. RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT HE HAD NO POWER WHATEVER TO FORCE A STATE TO COMPLY. HE REMARKED THAT HE WAS NOT AN OVERSEER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT HE

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HAD NO SUCH MANDATE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE ACTIONS HE COULD TAKE ON PURELY MORAL GROUNDS, AND IN THAT CONTEXT SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT VIDELA WITH TWO LISTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD DISAPPEARED IN RECENT YEARS. HE OFFERED THE LISTS TO PRESIDENT VIDELA, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, FOR WHATEVER ACTION VIDELA MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE. VIDELA ACCEPTED THE LIST, AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL LEFT ARGENTINA A DAY EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED BECAUSE HE NEEDED TO RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR AN IMPORTANT U.N. SESSION ON NAMIBIA.

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